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Hot topics



Soldiers and NCOs run during the initial phase of the National Capital Region's Soldier and NCO of the Year competition.

This week at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., Soldiers have been weathering grueling boards, marksmanship qualifications, live-fire exercises, air movements, orienteering both during day and night operations, and other tests to measure their combat proficiency. (U.S. Army Photo courtesy of Combat Camera)

► [Results to appear soon on IMCOM's homepage](#)

Fort Carson: Study finds no direct link in violent crimes

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Wiesbaden: Program helps disabled workers, ensures reasonable accommodations

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Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition

The U.S. Army Reserve Command Best Warrior Competition held at Fort McCoy, Wis., brought 28 Soldiers and non-commissioned officers from Guam to New Hampshire to Fort McCoy to determine the best of the Reserve.

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Below-the-knee amputee Sgt. Jerrod Fields wins gold at 2009 Endeavor Games and sets sights on 2012 Paralympics

Sgt. Jerrod Fields capped his track and field season by winning a gold medal at the 2009 Endeavor Games and setting his sights on the 2012 Paralympics. Fields, a below-the-knee amputee sprinter in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, won the 100 meters with a time of 12.15 seconds June 13 in Edmond, Okla., site of the Endeavor Games for athletes with physical disabilities. ► [Article](#)



Unity in Ansbach community breaks unofficial DoD record

USAG Ansbach reclaimed the unofficial Department of Defense record for "a human formation for troop support" during the Largest Desert Ribbon Event held July 10 at Storck Barracks. USAG Ansbach and 12th Combat Aviation Brigade

Soldiers, Family members, Civilian employees, local nationals and distinguished guests from surrounding German communities united to gather more than 3,000 (unofficial count) people into a "troop support" ribbon. ► [Article](#)

Fort Campbell camp teaches kids about the environment

Twenty-five children took part in Green Camp at Fort Campbell. The camp, which ran July 11 to 17, focused on teaching children how to care for the environment around them. The children learned the importance of recycling and ways to preserve natural resources. Various organizations across the installation came together to make the camp possible. The 101st Combat Aviation Brigade supplied food-service support and each of the brigades provided Soldiers for counselors. ► [Article](#)



Fort Leavenworth Deputy to the Commanding General Dale Ormond to receive the Presidential Rank Award

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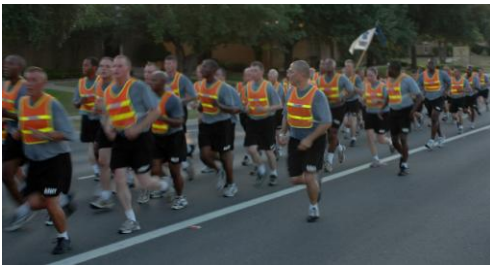
Wiesbaden Youth Services assistant program manager honored ► [Article](#)

Bamberg offers Soldiers classes to improve 'General Technical' scores

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State governors visit 1st Air Cavalry Brigade in Iraq ► [Article](#)

Grill sergeant promotes Pentagon Channel cooking show ► [Article](#)



Fort Hood brigade's monthly run
Enlisted Soldiers from the 15th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), run along Battalion Avenue in the early morning hours of July 9. ► [Article](#)

Covenant news



Fort Belvoir: Gerber Village homes becoming new again ► [Article](#)

AFAP issues from Europe forwarded for Army-level review ► [Article](#)

Check out "The Edge!" – a new Child, Youth and School Services and Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation partnership program for the young crowd. ► [Article](#)

USAG Chièvres launches newcomers Web site ► [Article](#)



Good health: A best practice at the Detroit Arsenal

In an effort to promote better health among the DA Civilian workforce, the USAG Detroit Arsenal and TACOM Life Cycle Management Command have joined forces to endorse the Civilian Health Promotion Program at the

Detroit Arsenal. Garrison Manager Brenda Lee McCullough explained the significance of the program: "It is very important for everyone to take a personal interest in their health so they can lead a productive life at home and work." ► [Article](#)

Schofield youth spend day with Strykers



Iolani Middle School students had the opportunity to jump in and out of armored vehicles, test out engagement skills trainer simulators and share stories with Soldiers at "Spend the day with Strykers" event. The "Strykehorse" Squadron, B-214, started the young troops' day with a physical fitness session and breakfast. My favorite part was either the Stryker ride or the simulator," said 11-year old Tommy Gentry. "I learned a lot today, but I learned especially that it takes a lot of courage and strength to be in the military."

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Casey garrison welcomes new commander

Lt. Col. Donald Meisler passed the USAG Casey flag to Col. Larry "Pepper" Jackson, USAG



Red Cloud garrison commander, who in turn passed it to Casey's new commander, Lt. Col. Richard Fromm, signifying a change of command on July 10. Fromm arrived at Casey

garrison from Washington D.C., where he served the Department of the Army as Headquarters G-3 staff officer in the Pentagon. "On behalf of my wife and myself, I look forward to working with all of you here today for the next two years," Fromm said. ► [Article](#)



New GI Bill transferability options to take effect first day of August ► [Article](#)

Freedom Chapel reopens for worship at USAG Humphreys ► [Article](#)



Yongsan: Development plays role in teen behavior ► [Article](#)

Army offers temporary respite care for children of deployed Soldiers and Warriors in Transition ► [Article](#)

Year of the NCO news

Year of the NCO: Wiesbaden chaplain's assistants serve as role models for fellow Soldiers ► [Article](#)

Black Jack Soldiers compete for Soldier, NCO of the Quarter ► [Article](#)



NCO keeps Grafenwoehr ranges safe for training Soldiers ► [Article](#)

Korea: Garrison commander accepts quality-of-life funds ► [Article](#)

Force protection news

Always be aware! ■ Inspect the interior and exterior of buildings for packages and tampering. ■ Regularly inspect buildings, rooms and storage areas that are not in regular use. ■ Inform Soldiers, Civilians and Family members of the threat situation. ■ Always report suspicious activity.

Safety news

Don't miss boat on safety ► [Article](#)

Hawaii: Advanced motorcycle training offered ► [Article](#)

Fort Bliss celebrates Freedom Crossing groundbreaking



The groundbreaking ceremony for Freedom Crossing, the first in a series of three open-air marketplaces slated to be developed for military installations, was held at Fort Bliss July 17. Plans for the Freedom Crossing lifestyle center feature a 10-screen movie theater, specialty brand

clothes and goods, full-service restaurants and free wireless Internet. The post exchange and commissary will also be expanded and remodeled as part of the project. ► [Article](#)

Fort Hunter Liggett and the Combat Support Training Center: Leadership changes, but direction remains forward looking

Col. James Suriano assumed command of the Combat Support



Training Center and Fort Hunter Liggett from Col. Kevin Riedler on July 15. In his next assignment as the chief of the Homeland Division, Col. Riedler will serve as the Joint Staff officer responsible to the deputy director for Strategic Plans and Policy for the

Western Hemisphere and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. ► [Article](#)

Fort Riley managers attend 'Employee Retention Boot camp'

Supervisors and managers from Fort Riley's Civilian workforce met



to discuss retaining employees. Representatives from each garrison directorate participated in a two-day class dubbed "The Employee Retention Boot camp." The course was taught by Larry Midgett, Ph.D., from Overland Park,

Kan. He has taught the same course for NASA, Boeing Aerospace and other military branches. "Leadership and management should be a walking, talking example of what they want to see, rewarding employees when they go above and beyond, setting standards that are workable and measurable and differentiating standards from goals...", said Midgett. ► [Article](#)



Leavenworth improves safety ▶ [Article](#)

Engineers protect Soldiers with force protection screen ▶ [Article](#)



Redstone: Use reflective vests ▶ [Article](#)



Hawaii: Neighborhood watch program needs community volunteers ▶ [Article](#)

Transformation Quiz #12

The Transformation PCS Guide, called 'Before You Leave Virginia,' on the Transformation Web site, walks you through the tasks you need to complete as you prepare to relocate to San Antonio. It mentions shipping household goods, house-hunting trips, computer and communication issues, and many more. But before you do anything, you need this in hand:

1. A sales contract on your house
2. Your cash advance
3. Your job offer
4. Your PCS orders
5. Maps of San Antonio and Fort Sam Houston

Answers will appear weekly on the IMCOM Transformation Web page: [Click here](#)

Installation paper of the week USAG Stuttgart



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Symposium sets top five issues for wounded warriors

The top issues for wounded warriors across the nation were discussed at the 5th annual Army Wounded Warrior Program Symposium in San Antonio, Texas, July 14-16. The annual AW2 symposium brings together representative Soldiers, veterans,

spouses and children to spend a week engaging in intense focus-group discussions, said Col. Jim Rice, director of the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, during a bloggers roundtable July 16.

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Fort Hood team earns 2009 White House Closing the Circle Award for pollution prevention efforts



The pollution prevention team at Fort Hood, Texas, stays busy working on sustainable buildings, recycling electronics and educating Soldiers and the Fort Hood community about the environment through training and outreach. These efforts have earned the team a first-place award in the 2009 White House Closing the Circle Awards. The annual award recognizes the achievements of federal employees and facilities that promote environmental stewardship.

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Joyce Dodson, 2008 Rising Star winner, records demo CD



A year ago Joyce Dodson, an Army veteran and spouse from Bamberg, was a recording artist only in her dreams, but now she's living and breathing that dream. Thanks to "Operation Rising Star," a military imitation of FOX's hit show "American Idol," Dodson enjoyed a trip to Los Angeles to record a three-song demo in a professional studio. Dodson is looking forward to this year's competition and will be singing during one of the Armywide finals. ▶ [Article](#)



Arsenal projects stimulate New York businesses

Several New York businesses share more than \$3 million in maintenance and repair projects at the Watervliet Arsenal. "Of the approximately \$3 million, about \$1.65 million are federal stimulus dollars that were recently provided to the Arsenal for three major projects," said John Snyder, Arsenal public affairs officer. ▶ [Article](#)

